



LLANWRTYD
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR


FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1967

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Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the Public Health in the Llanwrtyd Wells Urban District during the year 1967.

In this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and and preventive medicine, and I have included comments on the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/68(Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and cooperation in all matters affecting Public Health. Also the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Public Health Department.

I am,

Mr Chairman and Members

Your Obedient Servant,

Creighton E. Edwards
B.Sc., MB., B.Ch., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health

Officers of the Public Health Department

Medical Officer of Health	- C.E. Edwards, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
Public Health Inspector	= Mr. J.C. Bowen, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

<u>Population</u>	: - (Registrar Generals Estimate) 1976	-	510.
<u>Acreage</u>	: - (1961 census)	-	1,648 acres
<u>Rateable value as at 1st April 1967</u>		-	£13, 224.
<u>Product of a Penny Rate</u>	: Actual 1966/67	-	£48, 14 .9
	Est: 1967/68	-	£49 . 1 .9
<u>Rate in the Pound</u>	: 1966/67	-	14 .9d
	1967/68	-	15 .0
<u>Water Rate</u>	: Domestic Rate 3/- in the pound of N.A.V.		
<u>Number of Council Houses</u>	included in the domestic dwelling figure	-	6
<u>Total number of domestic dwellings</u>		-	192

SECTION A

	<u>Llanwrtyd Wells</u> <u>U.D.C.</u>			Breconshire County Council
<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
No. of Legitimate Live Births	-	3	3	700
No. of Illegitimate Live Births	-	-	-	36
Total Live Births	-	3	3	736
Birth Rate per 1000 Pop. 1967(Crude)			5.9	13.57
" " " "(Correct)			8.7	15.06
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			1.4	1.11
No. of Still Births Legitimate	-	-	-	16
No. of Still Births Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	-	-	-	4.89%
Total Live and Still Births			3	752
Still Birth rate per 1000 Live and Still Births			-	21.27
<u>DEATHS</u>				
Total No. of Deaths	5	6	11	703
Crude Death Rate per 1000 of Pop.			21.6	12.96
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			0.57	0.89
Corrected Death Rate per 1000 Pop.			12.3	11.5
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths from Maternal Causes			Nil	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births			NIL	NIL

VITAL STATISTICS

(Continued)

	<u>Llanwrtyd Wells</u> <u>UDC</u>			<u>Breconshire</u> <u>County Council</u>
	Male	Female	Total	
<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 years of age :-				
Legitimate	-	-	-	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			-	12.22
Total : -				
Legitimate			-	10.86
Illegitimate			-	1.35
<u>NEO NATAL MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :-				
Legitimate	-	-	-	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1
Total			-	7
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1000.			-	9.51
<u>EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age :				
Legitimate	-	-	-	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-	1
Total			-	7
Early Neo Natal Mortality per 1000 live births			-	9.51
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age, plus No. of Still Births	-	-	-	7
No. of Still Births			-	16
Perinatal Mortality Rate			-	31.25
<u>CANCER DEATHS</u>				
No. of Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms & Lymphatic Neoplasms	-	1	1	89
Cancer Death Rate			1.96	1.64

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
1.Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-
2.Tuberculosis (Other Forms)	-	+
3.Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4.Diphtheria	-	-
5.Whooping Cough	-	-
6.Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7.Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8.Measles	-	-
9.Other Infective or Parasitic Diseases	-	-
10.Malignant Neoplasm,Stomach	-	-
11.Malignant Neoplasm,Lung,Bronchus	-	-
12.Malignant Neoplasm,Uterus	-	-
13.Malignant Neoplasm ,Breast	-	-
14.Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	-	1
15.Leukaemia & Aleukaemia	-	-
16.Diabetes	-	-
17.Vascular Lesions of Nervous Systems	1	1
18.Coronary Disease,Angina	3	1
19.Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-
20.Other Heart Disease	-	1
21.Other Circulatory Disease	-	-
22.Influenza	-	-
23.Pneumonia	-	1
24.Bronchitis	-	-
25.Other Disease of Respiratory System	-	-
26.Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-
27.Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
28.Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
29.Hyperplasia of Prostrate	-	-
30.Pregnancy,Abortion,Childbirth	-	-
31.Congenital Malformations	-	-
32.Other Defined and Ill Defined Diseases	-	1
33.Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
34.Suicide	-	-
35.Homicide and Operations of War	-	-
36.All Other Accidents	-	-
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ALL CAUSES :	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Officers

Mr J.C.Bowen remained as your Public Health Inspector

Laboratory Facilities

During the year laboratory facilities were available at Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea, Brecon and Shrewsbury. The laboratory of the Public Analyst for the County of Carmarthen was available for water samples whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed by the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen and Shrewsbury.

Nursing and other facilities

The County Council is responsible for the provision of the ambulance and home nursing services. The County also administers the maternity and welfare clinics where treatment is available for minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopedic defects. Immunisation against diphtheria is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals

The hospital needs of the residents of the district for all diseases apart from infectious diseases, are provided by the Local Hospital at Builth Wells. The arrangement for the treatment of infectious diseases remain the same as in previous years. Merthyr Borough Council treat the patients from the district suffering from infectious diseases, and these are conveyed to Merthyr in ambulances maintained by Merthyr Borough Council. These arrangements are proving extremely satisfactory.

For the treatment of cases of smallpox, arrangements have been made by the Welsh Board of Health for beds to be available at the Penrhys Hospital, Rhondda.

SECTION C

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifications

The following cases other than Tuberculosis were notified during 1967:

<u>Disease</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>
Measles	1
Whooping Cough	Nil
Scarlet Fever	Nil

Tuberculosis A schedule of new cases and removals from the Register is given below:

New Cases				Removal from Register			
Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Number of Cases remaining on Register 31st December 1967

Respiratory			Non Respiratory		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total
6	2	8	-	-	-

SCHOOLS No schools were closed during 1967, in consequence of infectious diseases.

VENEREAL DISEASE

The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea for the treatment of these cases. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supplies

The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board now administers the water supply to the district.

Number of inspections made9
Number of samples taken from town supply12

All samples were satisfactory.

Properties served from Public Water mains.

Number of properties served direct to house(no new connections)188
Population thus served479
Number of properties served by standpipes.....2
Population thus served.....5
Number of houses on private supply8
Number of persons so served17

Drainage and Sewerage

The drainage of the district and the excellent sewage disposal works continue to function satisfactorily during the year.

Number of Inspections made17
The works is now 36 years old and it has been necessary to reconstruct part of the works.

Public Cleansing

Refuse collection was made once weekly throughout the year by direct labour. The service has proved satisfactory and no complaints has been received.

Sanitary Inspection of the area.

The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by the Public Health Inspector. All details relating to inspections, notices served, visits and samples taken in whole of the report give information relating to the work of the Public Health Inspector during the year.

Nuisances

Number of complaints received1
Number of Complaints investigated1
Number of premises inspected1
Number of premises revisited.....1
Number of preliminary notices served.....1
Number of Abatement notices served.....0

Sanitary Circumstances ; Continued

Offensive trades There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses. No common lodging houses exist in the district.

Shops

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector15
Number of notices served ~~available~~2

Camping Sites There are no recognised camping sites in the district.

Licenced Premises

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector.....15
Number of notices served(informal)2

Eradication of Bed Bugs and steps to combat infestation

No premises were found to be verminous during the year.

Rodent Control This work was carried out by a Council Workman.

Number of premises inspected27
Number of inspections and revisits59
Number found infested.....23
Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator.....23
Number of premises treated by occupier.....0

The refuse disposal tip and sewage works were treated at monthly intervals.
The sewers were also treated during the year. ten per cent of manholes were baited and there were no bait takes at any of the manholes.

Legal Proceedings No legal proceedings were instituted during the year.

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

Number of visits.2
Number of notices.....0

SECTION E

HOUSING

No new houses were built during the year.

The provision of bungalows for the elderly has been considered and land is being purchased with a view to erecting 10 - 12 Bungalows.

Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925. Article 31. Nil.

Improvement Grants

There were 3 improvement grants authorised during the year, all standard grants.

Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act. 1963

During the year work continued under this Act. The premises registered at the end of the year were : -

Offices 3
Retail Shops 2
Catering Establishments	. 1

Number of visits by Public Health Inspector11.

These were all inspected. No exemptions were granted and no prosecutions occurred during the year.

SECTION F

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

In connection with clean food no educational activity occurred during the year. The number of Food premises by type were : 6 Licenced premises, 1 Bakehouse, 3 Butchers, 2 Cafes, and 7 others carrying on a 'mixed ' business.

Food and Drugs Act 1955. Section 16.

The premises registered under this section were 6 Ice Cream premises and 3 Butchers. Three samples of Ice Cream were taken all Grade I.

Milk

Since the coming into operation of the Milk and Dairies Act 1944, the Council is left with the registration and supervision of milk distributors. Twelve samples were examined during the year, all were satisfactory and brucella negative.

Meat

The private slaughterhouse was operated during the year. Details of animals killed etc., are given below :-

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or part

	Cattle excl. cows	Calves	Pigs	Sheep and Lambs	Horses
Carcases slaughtered	-	-	-	469	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	469	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cystercerci.</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	94	-
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or cystercerci.	-	-	-	20	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases - part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cystercerci</u>					
Carcases - part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Inspection and Supervision of Foods Cont'd

Other Foods.

Food preparation rooms (including bakehouses)

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector1

Number of notices served

Ice Cream

Number of retailers only, all selling prepacked

The samples taken were 3, and all in Grade 1.

Preserved Food Premises

Number of inspections

Fried Fish Shops There was no Fried Fish ^{Shop} in the district during the year.
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Other Foods condemned Nil.

Public Swimming Pool.

A Purley type swimming pool and also a paddling pool which are complete with the necessary changing rooms, were constructed during 1965 on the Dolwen playing field. They have proved quite attractive and remained open until the middle of September. These pools were also used by Llanwrtyd, Llangammarch and Beulah, Garth and Tirabid schools on a sessional basis.

Cemetery Four burials took place in the cemetery during the year.

APPENDIX

Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967,
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LLANWRTYD WELLS IN THE COUNTY OF BRECON.

PART 1 of THE ACT

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

Premises	Number on		Number of	
	Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
i. Factories in which Sect. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by L. Authority	4	11		
iii. Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excl. out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total :	4	11	-	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found.

(if defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases.)

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found		No of cases in which prosec- utions were insti- tuted.	
	Found	Remedied	Referred To HM Inspector	By HM Inspector
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Want of Cleanlines (s.1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (s.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (s.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (s.4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (s.7)				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-
(c) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-	-
Total :	1	1	-	-

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully.

Creighton E Edwards.

Medical Officer of Health

